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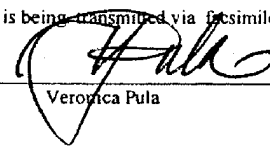
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title:	METHOD FOR SELECTING AN OPTIMAL BALANCE BETWEEN DIRECT COST AND A NUMBER OF SUPPLIERS		

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